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Letter dated 11 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan on 9 October 2000 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Eldar **Kouliev**
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Annex to the letter dated 11 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan

In connection with the reports that have been spread by the Armenian media concerning the signing by the Government of Armenia and the "Nagorny Karabakh" occupation regime of a Memorandum on mutual cooperation in various areas of vital activity and on additions to the laws of the occupation regime relating to "local self-government" and "administrative-territorial units", the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan states that this political-historical show staged, under Armenia's protection, by the puppet "Republic of Nagorny Karabakh" as proof of its existence and "State activities" is a complete sham and a gross violation of the national legislation of Azerbaijan and of the norms and principles of international law.

Azerbaijan has never in any way recognized and does not recognize the legality of such decisions, and categorically rejects and will continue to reject any actions that consolidate the consequences of Armenia's aggression against Azerbaijan and which violate its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The Republic of Azerbaijan calls upon the Republic of Armenia to renounce this illogical and dangerous practice, not to damage the current favourable atmosphere for a settlement of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan and also, in keeping with the norms and principles of international law, to take positive steps to restore confidence and peace with Azerbaijan.